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THE NATION'S PROBLEM.

What ex-President Cleveland said in his admirable speech at the meeting in behalf of the Tuskegee institute about the solution of the negro problem resting mainly with the leading and responsible white men of the south is true, says the New York Tribune. So also is true Dr. Lyman Abbott's statement that the problem is a national one, not the south's alone. We think that reasonable men in both sections will agree to these two propositions, which are not antagonistic, though the extremists in both object to them. The southern demagogue truculently declares the negro question is no business of the north, and resents the idea that either national law or the broad interests of national civilization make northern interest anything but Pharisaic. The northern, on the other hand, who has traditional views, gained largely in wartime, thinks that the whole subject is to be summed up in the reconstruction amendments, and that all questions of expediency and southern sentiment count for naught.

They are both wrong. The question is a southern question, in that southern conditions must be considered, and the negro must, as a loyal citizen of the south, work out his destiny in harmony with his white neighbors and with due regard for their rights and the safeguarding of their civilization. The south must solve the problem with such friendly aid as the north can give in money and in sympathy, but it must solve it right, and it is a paramount national concern that it be solved right, which no amount of sympathy or lax indifference or fear of stirring up strife or trouble will permit the nation as a whole to lay aside.

We may agree perfectly with Mr. Cleveland when he says that "neither the decree that made the slaves free nor the enactment that suddenly invested them with the rights of citizenship any more purged them of their social and slavery-bred imperfections than it changed the color of their skins." We may think southern objection to an illiterate electorate not unnatural, and believe that the negro may wisely put up with the denial of suffrage, every by unjust indiscriminate, and devote himself along the lines laid down by General Armstrong and Booker Washington to making himself a prosperous and respected citizen. But we cannot forget that patience has a goal. Endurance of discrimination, a sympathetic attitude toward the south while it is dealing with the negro in its own way, is founded on the distinct understanding that the ultimate solution is the giving to every negro as he shall become worthy of it the full measure of his civil and political rights. We should have been glad if Mr. Cleveland, while so frankly

and properly avowing sympathy with the south and telling the negroes that their only hope was to make themselves worthy of southern respect, had with equal distinctness declared for the great principle of equal right and privilege as citizens, regardless of race, for all those whose character and achievement fit them to discharge the duties of good citizens.

That equality does not mean social equality, nor amalgamation, nor any encouragement of the lower instincts of the negro race, which some white men profess to fear. It is the reward and crown of exactly opposite tendencies. The young men and women educated at Tuskegee are the last to pretend to social relations with the whites or the desire to intermarry with them. They are too self-respectful, too determined to make the most of themselves in their own true character. It is ignorance and lack of self respect that make the negro socially and politically dangerous. Education of the kind Tuskegee gives is safeguarding the south from that menace, and peopling it with negroes as devoted as the white man to race segregation and as earnest in support of order and economical good government. Their interests are identical with those of their worthy white neighbors, and in due time that identity of interest must be recognized and corresponding equality of rights conceded.

Tuskegee is not merely doing this work directly. It is sending out students who repeat the process in their own communities with rare devotion, thus carrying forward civilization by geometrical progression, and doing it in harmony with the best southern white sentiment. It is one of the strategic points for the uplifting of the black race, and therefore the support and enlargement of its work are of vital importance to the whole country. Whatever differences people in any section may have about the other phases of the negro question, all agree to the usefulness of Booker Washington's teachings and the benefits they are conferring not only on the negroes, but on the whites.

Congress appropriated \$12,500,000 for the rural delivery service during the next fiscal year and the department will establish 15,000 new routes on the money. Thus it is expected by the end of the next fiscal year to have 30,000 rural carriers in motion, and 15,000,000 people living outside of towns and cities will have their letters and newspapers delivered at their doors.

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Location of bridge is shown on maps now on file in the county clerk's office as approved by the Hon. Secretary of war.
Bridge to be a steel swinging draw bridge with a clear space of 70 feet on each side of the draw rest. As is also directed by the Hon. secretary of war.

Approaches to be pile trestle with a 16 foot clear road or driveway. Bidders shall attach to their bid a certified check equal to 10 percent of the same and check made payable to the order of the county clerk or may deposit the amount in cash at time of filing his or their bid.
Said check or cash to be forfeited to the county of Clatsop, state of Oregon, if after an award is made or bid is accepted said bidder fails or refuses for a period of two days to enter into contract and file a bond as may be required by the county court aforesaid.
Payments for said bridge to be made by warrants drawn on a special fund created by the county court of Clatsop county, Oregon, at their regular term in January, 1903, some being a levy of 1-2 mills on the dollar for a term of four years. Bids to be sealed and marked "Proposals for Draw Bridge across the Lewis and Clark River," and filed in the office of the county clerk.
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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$296,134.35
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,086.70
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,250.00
Stocks, securities, etc	55,952.85
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	3,833.01
Other real estate owned	9,955.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	285.60
Due from State Banks and Bankers	9,168.65
Due from approved reserve agents	159,214.12
Internal Revenue Stamps	210.36
Checks and other cash items	2,648.69
Notes of other National Banks	695.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	158.46
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$69,022.25
Legal tender notes	1,998.00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$589,738.14
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	9,287.57
National Bank notes outstanding	11,830.00
Individual deposits subject to check \$221,126.39	
Demand certificates of deposit	104,813.62
Time certificates of deposit	182,710.56
Total	\$589,738.14

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. E. Higgins, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. E. HIGGINS Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1903.
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